

At Dulwich ***on Wednesday***

Referee: 'I might have stopped it'

**Dulwich Hamlet 5,
Wycombe Wanderers 0.**

WYCOMBE WANDERERS'
defence creaked wide open
for the second league game in
succession when they crashed
at Champion Hill on Wed-
nesday evening.

A thunderstorm for the opening
45 minutes turned the pitch into a
lake, where ducks would have
been more at home than players.
Pools of water lay on the top
surface as the teams splashed their
way about the field.

Referee Mr. J. A. Crook said,
after the game, "If the rain had
continued to fall so heavily as it
did in the first half I would have
had to seriously consider calling
it off".

Dulwich, who have now gone
14 home games without defeat,
adapted themselves to the treach-
erous conditions far better than
Wycombe, opening the game right
out, while Wanderers insisted in
keeping play at close quarters.

The greasy surface proved a
nightmare for defenders, who
could hardly turn to recover once
they had committed themselves.
The hard-running Dulwich side
went in at the interval with a
commanding four-goal lead.

GIFT GOALS

All Hamlet's goals were virtually
presented to them by defensive
mistakes. After only two minutes
Wyatt put Dulwich ahead, and 23
minutes later Russell added a
second. Wyatt scored again in the
38th minute and Shepherd netted
a fourth two minutes later.

In the second half Wycombe
contained the Dulwich side, but
had little hope of making up the
large gap. Wanderers were weak-
ened by injuries to Worley and
Thompson, while Horseman, Gale
and Busby all played despite in-
jury trouble.

Eight minutes from time Wyatt
completed his hat-trick with a
header—as the Wycombe defence
conceded their 11th goal in two
league matches.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Mas-
kell; I. Rundle, P. Martin; B.
Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; A.
Horseman, K. Samuels, V. Busby,
L. Merrick, S. Holmes.